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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALLS ON VICE PREMIER AND
FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SHORT FAREWELL CALL ON VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN
MAY 5 COMBINED WITH INFORMAL DINNER HOSTED BY LI WERE
CONDUCTED IN RELAXED, SOCIABLE ATMOSPHERE. CONVER-
SATION LARGELY LIMITED TO SMALL TALK. LI, HOWEVER,
DID MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- ASKED HOW HE ASSESSED DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL
RELATIONS DURING AMBASSADOR'S TENURE, LI SAID "GOOD"
BUT THEN INDICATED SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH PACE OF
PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION, SAYING "IT HAS BEEN
TOO SLOW, DON'T YOU THINK?" HOWEVER LI CLEARLY DID
NOT CHOOSE TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE MATTER ON THIS OCCASION.

--ASKED WHETHER HE HAD BEEN BUSY WITH TACHING
CONFERENCE, HE REPLIED "I'M NOT IN CHARGE OF THAT."

--ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF MAJOR LEADERSHIP
MEETINGS INCLUDING A NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS,
HE SAID NPC MIGHT TAKE PLACE "THIS YEAR OR NEXT."

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--IN RESPONSE TO OFFER TO TAKE MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON,
LI ASKED AMBASSADOR ONLY TO CONVEY HIS GREETINGS
TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. FOR HIS PART, LI INTRODUCED ONLY ONE SERIOUS
SUBJECT BY DENOUNCING SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE

IN STANDARD TERMS. HE SEEMED SATISFIED, HOWEVER,
AT MILITARY PROGRESS MADE BY MOBUTU GOVERNMENT IN
LAST TWO WEEKS.

3. AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MAY 6
WAS EQUALLY CORDIAL AND RELAXED.
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